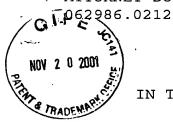
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REMARKS

Attached herewith is a separate sheet showing a marked up version of the amendments made to the specification.

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TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates generally to the field of multiprocessor systems, and more particularly, to a method and system for maintaining data at input/output (I/O) interfaces for a multiprocessor system.